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美しく優雅な旋律が胸に響く♥
花とゆめで大人気連載中!

一番近くで、キミのピアノを聴いていたいから…

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憧れと嫉妬の狭間で…

自分より大きな男の登場で
少年の成長は加速する…!!

ピアノ講師
織田忍（おだしのぶ）
かつてアキラの家庭教師をしていた。
ノリは軽いが、ピアノの腕前はアキラ以上!?

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Phrase.6

A Project Done By Manga Abyss

Don't take your eyes off them!!

In the time it took to publish the magazine, the person in charge added it as an opening sentence. With the picture being colored, and the words written in English

*Note: "Kucchetii" is "Kukkeii" which means "cool"

Wanted to do this pencil sketch for one publishing

This!
Point!
Club blue
Recruiting Part Time Worker
—One Person—
☐ Hours: From 6:00 ~ 10:00
☐ Main Work: Serving the main hall and other small duties
☐ Payment by Hour: 950 Yen
To Contact the Manager, Kawachi-san, call.
0123-45-xxxx
I object.
excited
excited
excited
Look! They pay nine hundred and fifty yen per hour!
Isn't that great?
Manager
Hello Takami-Chan!
Kawachi-san (The manager) is nice.
Besides, making money is good!
Grab
Huh?
Why? Isn't it good enough?
Club blue
I object.
I'LL CONVINCE HER!
Even though my mom doesn't want me to work...

Si____lence
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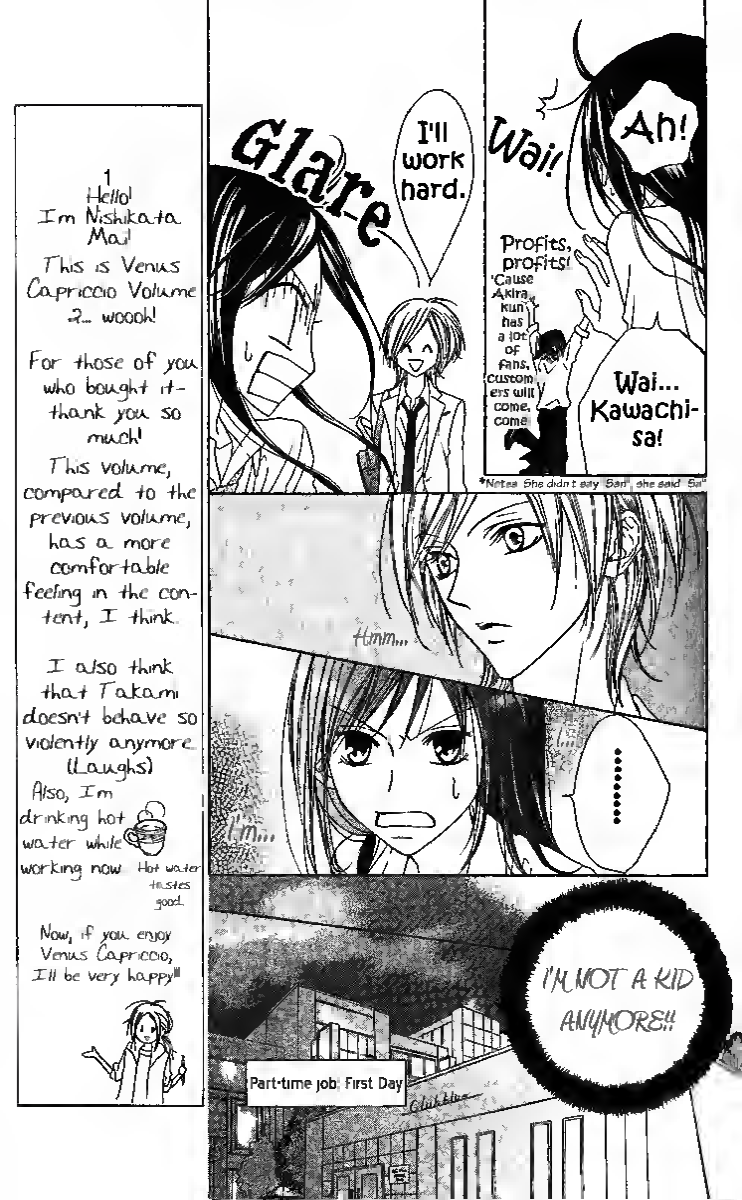
Club blog
Ah ha ha!
Then
This guy is Sasaki Akira (3rd year Middle School).
...wh...
Hello!
I'm Habara Takami (2nd year High School).
My childhood friend.
I object.
I'll worry if you're alone.
Why...?
ANGRY
Do you think it's a good thing for someone under-age to work at such a late hour?
I CAN AT LEAST DO THAT!
YOU...
YOU THINK THAT I CAN'T EVEN WASH A GLASS RIGHT!

But not only because he's good...
Akira, who's a half Japanese and half European, has beautiful eyes.
Akira is so good on the piano, that
Clubble JAZZ & SOUL LIVE
Sometimes, they ask him to play the piano very late at night.
This is Club Blue, (Cafe in the afternoon, and Jazz Bar in the night) but...
...I don't want to hear that...
Hmph
From someone who was playing piano at Club Blue in the middle of the night.
...That's fine.
Huh?
Ah!
Are you listening?
If it's fine with you, then it's fine with me, too!
I'll do the job!
Both of them at the present,
Takami, 4th Grade
Akira, 2nd grade
Woo
ooh!
When I first met him, I thought he was a girl because of his cuteness.
Habara's four brothers
and to be strong and tall.
I was the opposite. Having four brothers, I was taught to be like a boy.
Takami

Staff room
Club Blue's Manager – Kawachi-san (28)
Then, from next Monday, your shift will be every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from six to ten.
Ahh... you really saved me. One of my workers got hurt.
Yes! Leave it to me!!
Then, I'll leave serving the main hall to you, Takami-chan!
How reliable!
Ah ha ha!
POINTO!!
Ban!!
Um... Kawachi-san...
I also want to work with Takami... so can I?
Akira?
You... also...?
Eh?
Slow move
Didn't I tell you? If you're alone, I'll worry.
Opening eyes
I...
I TOLD YOU I'D BE FINE, DIDN'T I!?
EHHHH?!
Akira-kun, you're also going to work!?
The salary is as usual, but I'll give you a special reward, too!
Yes If it's possible then please
You're so welcome! I'll add you to the hall, too, and I'll let you play the piano a lot!!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Hello!
I'm Nishikata Mai!
This is Venus Capriccio Volume 2... wooh!
For those of you who bought it- thank you so much!
This volume, compared to the previous volume, has a more comfortable feeling in the content, I think.
I also think that Takami doesn't behave so violently anymore. (Laughs)
Also, I'm drinking hot water while working now. Hot water tastes good.
Now, if you enjoy Venus Capriccio, I'll be very happy!!
Glare
I'll work hard.
Wai!
Ah!
Profits, profits! 'Cause Akira kun has a lot of fans, customers will come, come
Wai... Kawachi-sa!
*Notes: She didn't say "San", she said "Sa"
Hmm...
I'm...
.....
Part-time job: First Day
I'M NOT A KID ANYMORE!!

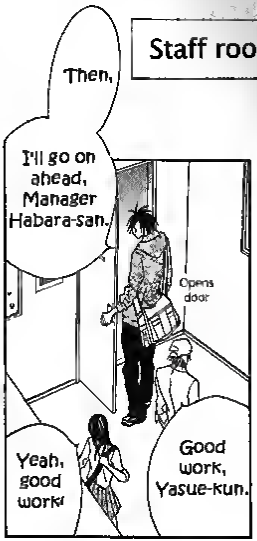
SQUEAK
Welcome.
Welcome~!!
We're not in a sushi restaurant.
*The phrase irasshai, "welcome" is always yelled at customers at sushi restaurants.
Here's your Caesar salad.
click
But I didn't order it...
Turns
I beg your pardon... here is your Caesar shrimp.
Ah! Thanks ...
pa..
ah
smooth move
pardon me...

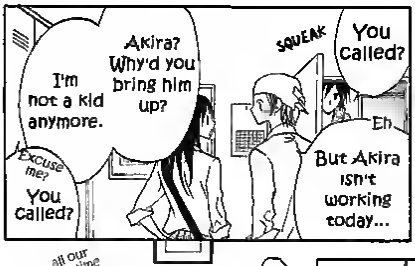
I ... I won't make a mistake again!!
Chuckle chuckle
Whisshhh
Thanks for the good work!
Clubbbbbb
You really managed to break a lot of plates, you know.
Shu...
Shut up!
And you... you...
Y... You're...
You're perfect!
What?
No, nothing.
See you, Takami.
And don't break the plates in your home.
I'LL QUICKLY GET LOST!
What kind of way of saying goodbye is that? And after he walked you home
Uh...
grab
Hello, Shuuhii...
Eldest son.

Wednesday
SQUEAK
Welcome!
Ah!
She's here!
Wah!
You're right!
...what...?
Um...
I heard from my friend that
a cheerful and cool part-time worker called Habara-san is here!
So we came. ♡
Eh...
Ah...
Oh, well!
I'll guide you to your seat!
Please this way!
Then, I'll order that, please.
Oh!
Yes!!
Eh? Recommendations?
Do you have any recommendations?
Uh, well, the shrimp
Not seeing
Glance
Blush Blush
Fu fu
I'm...
I'm sincerely greatfu...
Sorry to keep you waiting.
At least look at me when I'm having trouble!
Damn...

Part-time-job's Shifts
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
10:00
11:00
12:00
13:00
14:00
Yamada Higashi
Holiday
Yamada
Ah?
Takami, next week you're working everyday.
Your shifts...
Yea
I was asked to work so much because Kusunoki-san won't be able to come in.
Thanks to you Saturday and Sunday too
Hmm...
Thursday, you work until very late...
Kawachi san! One Shrimp Caesar! And...
Slam
Club blue
Thursday the following week
10:15PM
I'll be fine on my own.
I'll be fine on my own.
No, no thanks!
I'll work that day—
Closes mouth
ol
I'll show you that I'll be fine even if I am on my own.

grab
Turns
Ah! Wait, Yasue-kun!
I want you to walk Habara-san home...
Eh!?
What? Kawachi-san, it's all right!


Staff room
Then,
I'll go on ahead, Manager Habara-san.
Opens door
Good work, Yasue-kun.
Yeah, good work!


Akira? Why'd you bring him up?
I'm not a kid anymore.
SQUEAK
You called?
Eh
But Akira isn't working today...
Excuse me?
You called?

all our part-time workers either they are stout
or they are impudent
Pon
Pon
Geh...
Tap
Tap
Eh!
Wai
Oh,
It's nothing.
Tap
Then I'll go home.
Is that so?
No!
Nothing!
Good work, manager! Yasue-san!

Thunder
Uwah!
Rain falling
Why'd it start so suddenly!
Uwaaaah... it's raining so hard...
Thunder
Chanting
A~h!
Stop stop stop stop
Thunder
Handkerchief, towel...
Have...
Don't...
Anything.
I thought it would be like this.
You didn't watch the weather?
Rain falling
A... Akira!?
Why are you here?
Of course I wouldn't watch tv!
I came to get you
Here's an umbrella
Eh...
Ah!

Sorry
Smooth move
I know that you're working hard.
So...
Thunder
Don't push yourself too much.
...got it.
What? I couldn't hear you?
Wiping
Wiping
I...
Wiping
Wiping
Gen
Gen
Your umbrella is hitting mine!
Your umbrella is the one that's hitting
You

Friday
7 :45PM
One Margarita and one Vodka Tonic.
okay.
Monday
Thurs.
Wed.
Good work!
Welcome!
Welcome!
Thunder
Clubbbar
Now that I think about it,
Akira's shift is at eight.
Phew!
I wonder why...
Tap
...
ah...
Welco—
—me...
SQUEAK

Translator's Notes:
Akira speaks politely in front of people but not in front of Takumi.

"Play" he said...
But he's quite skilled. Please enjoy!
Ladies and gentlemen, sorry for keeping you waiting.
My friend, Sasaki Akira, will now play.
I'll play the piano.
Tick
Is it possible...
I know you're thinking "He looks young!" Well... he is young!
Wa ha ha!
Say, Sasaki-kun, can I make a request?
Yes, of course
But please make it a tune that I know.
Aha ha ha!
Oh, I can't play it.
Then...
Coltrane's "Say It"!
Yeah...

He's good...
Yeah!!
How old is he?
He's a third year in middle school. If I remember correctly
Eeeh? You're kidding!
Akira is playing his very best, right?
...huh?
Eh?
I didn't know that he was going to play today.
Eh?
Is that so?
Puuu...
Sorry, I thought that you already knew.
And when we started the meeting, we didn't say that we'd have a live show.
Um... you have an awful face.
Sorry
It's all right. It has always been like this, so it doesn't matter.
Eh?
It was before we started this part-time job.
Akira didn't tell me anything about his playing the piano here.

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Objective
Club blue
Akira was so ...
When we first started working here
Is it so bad for me...
to be working here...?
Mutter Mutter
Is it so bad...
What are you saying? Today's set list... wasn't it written on the board in front of the shop?
Maybe he thought that you would have known even if he didn't tell you?
Eh, is that so?
I'm sorry
That's all right
Door opens
The third shop!
Well, even if I didn't ask, I can still figure out what happened.
Eh? Wha... what did...

Ah
Hm?
Chat
No
what is
Welcome. Seat for two?
They smell of alcohol
Takami-chan!
O~ka~y
Ye~s, seat for t~wo...
Chat
Chat
It'll be fine!
I'll accompany you to your seats.
Ta... Takami-chan!
When you decide on what you want to order, call me.
Oka~y...
Why, you say... I can't leave you to deal with these drunks!
Eh? Why?
Leave these customers to me.

You look pretty cu~te
Say... I've been thinkin'...
Pull
Turns
What time do ya get off work? Wanna come play with us?
Excuse me, I'm sorry... but could you please let me go?
Let me go.
...
Woooh!
Nice, strong minded woman
That's my favorite kind!
A~ah, ri~ght
There's a karaoke bar near hear do ya know it? Let's g~o to it

Let me...
PULL
...Ah!
It's decided...
Gets
Let's go!
UP
I want to eat...
but I guess it can't be helped...
This guy...
Even though he's so drunk, he's really strong...
...IS TROUBLE.
THUMP
Splash
Excuse me, sir...
You
Sir!
I'M...
AHEM (MEN)

Your head.
Sir, I'm really sorry...
But could you please leave?
Splash
Why you!
grab
I'm a customer!
Wouldn't it be better if you cool your head off a bit?

Then...
Will you please enjoy your meal quietly?
Customers
Chat
Chat
Go home, go home!
Oh
Aren't you embarrassed? And you consider yourself an adult.
Chat
Chat
Drunks
.....
I'll never come to
Door opens
Dizziness
Hey wait!
THIS SHOP AGAIN!
Ah..
Then don't come!
I was so scared
Eek
.....
That's why I told you...
Eh?
That I'll worry if you're alone.

Because you're a girl...
You have to be more careful.
Ah...
His objecting to my coming
Is it possible that...
Takami, you're so defenseless.
Walking alone in the night is dangerous.
And you should have let Kawachi-san handle those costumers.

... isn't because I'm breaking the plates,
or that he doesn't want me here.
Even though,
...
SO...
I put up with wearing this suit... just to let you hear me play the piano.
It wasn't...
...like that,
Sorry...
Now, it's meaningless.

I'm sorry.
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Now that I think about it,
told him not to,
Nothing to say
he's walking me home even though I
Tap Tap
Tap
Tap
I'll say it!
ok
All right...
A...
Akira
Capsized
...
Thank
What?
Quickly!
GET LOST!
Yuna was so under!

Takami
You're late today Did something happen?
Ahh is that so
It was a little overtime work. Nothing to worry about!
Incoming call
Mom
090 xx
Uwaaa!
RING RING RING
Ye-
yes?
Well, as long as all right Oh! And I didn't tell you this before, but what made me agree to you working late was because Akira called our house,
and said that he'd walk you home.
You should thank him
And bring him some cake when you see him again as a thanks

Ka-chunk
beep
beep
Did something happen?
Ahh...
No.
Um...
Tha...
Thank you
for always walking me home!
bow
Um...!

END CHAPTER SIX

Venus
CAPRICCIO
Phrase.7

Farewell was sudden.
AA--H
IT WILL BE LONELY
YEA.
Akira and I have been in Aizawa-san's care in the piano school for a long time.
so we want to congratulate her for resigning.
during the farewell
Do your best!
Takavi-chan, you have a horrible face
After all, I want to devote myself in raising my ♡ child
Today-
a new teacher will come.
AOYAMA PIANO SCHOOL
EH!?
SUUEAK
...

I realized the number of pianos, so that everyone would be able to relax
YEAH ONLY THE FIRST FLOOR
AND THE SECOND FLOOR?
EXCITE EXCITE!
Aah
HELLO TAKAMI-CHAN, AKIRA-KUN
HELLO MANAGER !!
RENOVATION ON THE SCHOOL HAS FINISHED, RIGHT?
It has become wider!
!!!
AOYAMA PIANO SCHOOL
The Manager
Aoyama-san
(56)
If the farewell was sudden
STINGY!
I don't have that kind of money.
I'm not stingy!
EH? MANAGER-
Then the encounter is also...
IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THE PERSON NEXT TO YOU...

EH?
Sudden...
You got the wrong person.
AKIRA?
BAM
Grab!
akira !!
You're still as beautiful as always.
HMM
hey, you've grown !!
I SAID YOU GOT THE WRONG PERSON!
WRONG PERSON !!
FLUFF FLUFF FLUFF FLUFF FLUFF

yeah
I WAS HIS PRIVATE TEACHER FOR A SHORT WHILE WHEN HE WAS IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ha ha ha
IT LOOKS LIKE WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT KNOWING AKIRA-KUN WAS RIGHT, ODA-KUN
LET'S GO HOME.
HUH?
AKIRA!?
PULL
right akira ?!
GRAB
I DON'T KNOW THIS PERSON!
LET'S GO HOME!
AND DON'T YOU KNOW THAT PERSON?!
THE LESSONS WILL BE STARTING RIGHT!?
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Ah!
YES, I'M HABARA TAKAMI
BRM....AND I'M AKIRA'S CHILDHOOD FRIEND TOO
I'M ODA SHINOBU, NICE TO MEET YOU
IT LOOKS LIKE IT
HEH, SO HE WAS AKIRA'S TEACHER IN THE PAST?
Aah..
SO YOU'RE TAKAMI-CHAN HEEH SO YOU'RE AKIRA'S CHILDHOOD FRIEND
TAKAMI, IT'S OK, YOU DON'T HAVE TO GREET HIM.
EH?
Eh, why are you calling me by my first name?
ARE YOU A STUDENT HERE?
I'LL INTRODUCE HIM TO YOU. HE'S THE TEACHER THAT WILL BE REPLACING AIZAWA-KUN FROM TODAY ONWARDS
ODA-KUN

HMM, BUT-
YOU ALSO LOOK CUTE
stare
hmm
This face also looks cute
HUH!?
He was sooo cute!!
Of course!
or-
BUT AKIRA WAS SO CUTE
HEY!!
Get in the way
AKIRA!
OH
SAY AKIRA
LET ME HEAR YOU PLAY THE PIANO NEXT TIME
HEY!
HE-
GLARE

I DON'T WANT TO.
WHAT –
KIND OF SOUND DO YOU PRODUCE NOW?
I'LL BE THE ONE GIVING HER LESSONS TODAY
WAIT!
HUALIH!
PULL
Pull
TAKAMI, LET'S GO FOR THE LESSON
WHY?
ISN'T IT FINE? I WILL END UP LISTENING TO YOU IN CLASS ANYWAY
Poke
...YOU- YOU DIDN'T CHANGE AT ALL!
Hmm right?
THEN.
I'M COUNTING ON YOU,ODA-KUN.
TH... THEN YOU ALREADY KNEW MY NAME
FURTHER MORE IT HURTS
Ah.
So sorry!

Aoyama-san.
EH, WHAT?
surprised
WHY DID YOU CHOOSE THAT PERSON?
Aah,
WELL, WHEN I WANTED TO RECRUIT
I HEARD ABOUT A GUY WHO HAS VERY GOOD SKILLS FROM ONE OF MY ACQUAINTANCE
AFTER I NEGOTIATED WITH HIM, HE ACCEPTED
IS THAT SO
tap
Sigh
tap
Eh..?
DID I DO SOMETHING WRONG?
DURING LESSON
BEH!?
FO~ FOR REAL?!
Yeah! Then when I cut it he started crying That was so cute!
Ha ha ha
A...AKIRA EATS IT NORMALLY WHILE I'M WITH HIM-
SO HE HATES PICKLES.. !!!
They were enthusiastic talking about Akira from the beginning of class to the end
SHINOBU-SAN IS SOOO INTERESTING!
HE'S NOT INTERESTING AT ALL
WE WERE TALKING HALF THE TIME
AA-H, IT WAS SO FUN.

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Phrase 7

This is the first time I have assistants helping me.

Up until now, I've been doing the manuscript by myself.

Then the person in charge told me "Isn't it time for you to look for assistants?", but I was scared.

But for coming to help me and for helping me, I felt deeply blessed.

Really
Thank you so much.

Thank you so much!

I have no experience having an assistant so I'm not sure if I had been selfish, but until now my assistant is still learning a lot (Responsible to the inquiry).

I think she has improved a lot recently. Probably.

THE TIME I FIRST MET HIM.
SQUEAK
IT WAS FROM ...
GREET HIM.
THIS IS ODA SENSEI. HE WILL BE TEACHING YOU FROM TODAY ONWARDS
AKIRA
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THEN, I'M COUNTING ON YOU!
I'M ODA SHINOBU
YES
BOW
YES..
NICE TO MEET YOU
NICE TO MEET YOU, I'M SASAKI AKIRA
HELLO..

YOU ARE SO CUUUUTE!
AKIRA?
YOU'RE A BOY RIGHT?
Grab
PLEASE TEACH ME WELL.
Slam
3 months later
(The last day of lessons)
SAY ...
AKIRA ...
DO YOU HAVE FUN WHEN YOU PLAY ?
...NOT REALLY.
I FEEL NORMAL.
I THOUGHT SO.

I'M SORRY,
BUT LET ME SAY IT.
I-
HATE YOUR PIANO.
WELL, YOU'RE VERY GOOD IN PLAYING THE PIANO FOR A 2ND GRADER,
BUT THAT'S ALL.
WHY ARE YOU PLAYING THE PIANO?

I DON'T WANT TO TAKE LES-SONS FROM THAT PERSON ANYMORE
top
top
I HATE HIM.
ANYWAY
.....
IT'S
THE FIRST TIME
FOR AKIRA
TO HATE SOMEONE LIKE THAT.
AOYAMA PIANO SCHOOL
Lesson room 1
EH?
THAT'S;
SHINOBU-SAN AND AKIRA... YOU TWO DON'T GET ALONG WELL??
WHY?
NO... WELL, SOMEHOW...

YEA, SORRY.
IT'S BECAUSE I HATE THAT GUY.
EH !?
BUT YOU WERE HAPPY WHEN...
BUT...
YEAH, BECAUSE I LIKE HIM.
I'm saying that I hate him because I like him
Which one is it?
tap
MACHINE ...?
tap
EVEN THOUGH HE WAS A KID,
I TOLD HIM THAT INVOLUNTARILY
I was a bit too!
tap
WHEN I FIRST MET HIM, HE WAS A BRAT WHO HAD A STRANGE AURA AROUND HIM
HE WAS LIKE A MACHINE
IT WAS LIKE THAT EVEN WHEN HE PLAYED THE PIANO
AND BECAUSE HE WAS PRETTY SKILLFUL.
HE PISSED ME OFF

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I LIKE AKIRA'S PIANO.
BUT-
WELL-
A HAPPY SOUND.
MAYBE
HAPPY?
AH WELL, I DON'T REALLY GET IT
HEEH
THAT'S-
I WANT TO HEAR IT
GOOD
AKIRA!
YOUR LESSON ENDED?
tap tap tap
YEAH, IT JUST ENDED...

AKIRA, WON'T YOU HAVE A MATCH WITH ME ?
Yeah.
Let's go home Takami.
GOOD-BYE
ODA-SENSEI.
TOP
GOOD WORK.
HUH?
IN PIANO
HUUH !?
BECAUSE TAKAMI-CHAN IS CUTE,
SO I WANT TO TALK TO YOU MORE
ARE
WHAT DO YOU WANT JAPANESE? CHINESE? ITALIAN?
I WANT TO EAT GYOZA*!
ARE YOU AN IDIOT, SAYING DINNER...
*GYOZA, CHINESE DUMPLING
TONIGHT
HMMM, RIGHT.
shutter
LET'S BET ON TAKING TAKAMI-CHAN TO DINNER TONIGHT

AKIRA
...

EH
WHAT IS THE NAME OF THIS TUNE?
Umm.
IT'S THAT TUNE.
"DEAR LORD,
THE PERSON'S HAPPIEST WISH"
Ah. Yeah, that's it.
HEH

"THE LORD'S LOVE"
THAT'S THE TUNE!
AKIRA,
WA~
As I thought, Aoi-kun is amazing!
Beauti-full
HEY
LISTEN
OF COURSE
ARE YOU GOING TO PLAY TOO?
YOU BECAME GOOD-
AT PRODUCING SOUNDS
CLAP
CLAP
pat
YOU DON'T HAVE TO FORCE YOURSELF
I WON'T BECAUSE I'LL WIN.
ISN'T TAKAMI THE ONE WHO'S GOING TO DECIDE?!
Shinohara sa.
Aki
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I SAID "HEY!
STOP THIS SILLY THING!!
WHO'S GOING TO WIN OR BET!
STOP TREATING OTHERS LIKE TOYS!!
Tsk
IF YOU WANT TO EAT THAT BADLY,
THEN THE 3 OF US CAN ALL GO TOGE-THER!!!
SERIOUS

TAKAMI,
ku...
I DON'T WANT THAT
WHAT!? COME ON, LET'S GO!!
GYOZA IS FINE, RIGHT?!
TAKAMI WAIT, I SAID SORRY
a ha ha ha ha ha ha
LOOKS LIKE THE QUEEN DECIDED THAT NO ONE WILL WIN
aha ha ha ha ha
aha ha ha ha
I'M SORRY BOTH OF YOU
ha ha
HIT
FIGHT FIGHT
GEEZ !!
PLEASE DON'T DO SILLY THINGS !!
WELL-
BUT WITH THIS, I KNOW THAT-
?
IS IT BECAUSE OF TAKAMI-CHAN ?
IT'S NOT ONLY THE SOUND THAT CHANGED YOU CHANGED TOO
I DON'T WANT THAT TO BE TOLD BY YOU

YEAH, RIGHT.
AS AN APOLOGY, I'LL PLAY A TUNE
FOR BOTH OF YOU.
EH, I—?
DO AS YOU LIKE.
H-Hey Akira
OK.
SIT.
THEN...
THE 'REVO-LUTION.'

DO
I-

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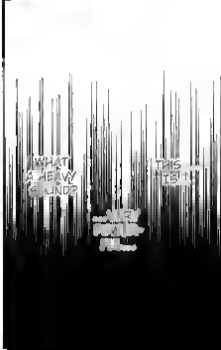
I...

IT'S COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM AKIRA'S DELICATE SOUND.

COULD IT BE THAT ...



YOU PISS ME OFF.
!!!
TAKAHI-CHAN ALSO... TAKAHI-CHAN ALSO...
YES.
ANGRY
WELL, WE WILL SEE EACH OTHER EVERY WEEK SO DON'T MAKE THAT FACE.
TREAT ME WELL, AKIRA!
THAT'S THE BEST COMPLIMENT!
SHINOBU-SA... WHAT ARE YOU...
Sy... Sy... Sy...
SHI-
TREAT ME..
TREAT ME WELL.
STRONG arms

I'LL ADMIT THAT YOU'RE SKILLED AT PLAYING THE PIANO
WA WA WA WA WA WA WA
IT LOOKS LIKE--
BUT THAT PART OF YOU
I HATE IT SO MUCH!
From now on..
HEEH, IF TAKAMI-CHAN GETS INVOLVED,
AKIRA WOULD YELL LIKE THAT
Stare
I'M BECOMING MORE AND MORE INTERESTED IN YOU, TAKAMI-CHAN.
HUUH ?!
LET'S GO HOME, TAKAMI!
SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!
AH, AH!
UH..
It's going to be a little noisy...

Their conflicting sounds
oppose one another,
outdo one another, and fight to
be better than one another
The crescendo of the heart being
ripped to shreds, loves.
Venus Cappriccio
Phrase.8
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Manga Abyss
Nikishita Mai

TAP
Akira,
Do you know the tune called 'Watermark'?
TAP
TAP
AOYAMA Piano School
AOYAMA Piano S
TAP
TAP
TAP
If that's the person, I know her.. Why?
Ah
Well
Yesterday it was playing on the radio. It's an amazing tune.
Some how I feel that I want to try playing it...
slips
TAP
TAP
Hmm? I don't know. Whose tune is that?
She's a foreigner called Enya.
OUH !!!
Taka...

O
O
O
oh
...!
Grab
HOLD
oh

Are you two okay?
That was dangerous.
Shi...
Shinobu-san!!!
Tha-Thank you very much!
I'm fine. Sorry.
Can you please let go...
Princesses
O...Oi, Akira...!
Who's the princess?!
uh
Oooi!
RUNNING
ah
Is that so? It's okay since Shinobu-san helped us.
Are both of you alright? We just applied the wax yesterday. I'm sorry!
oh!
Manager!

Ok! Should we go now, Takami-chan? It's lesson time
Who's cu-
PISSED OFF
Akira is so cute, isn't he?
Oh, right.
Dash
I'll write it on a piece of paper and hang it up!
Oh OK~
So cute!
What's wrong, Akira?
HUMPH
Nothing.
TAP
aha ha ha!
TAP
TAP
There's something strange though
See you Akira!
I'll see you after lesson!
TAP
TAP
Be Care-Ful!
Ok

AOYAMA Piano School
Alright, we're done!
Let's go home, Akira.
Yeah.
Ah Takami-chan! Akira!
I've finished for today and I have some errands so I'll drive you to the station.
Eh?! Is that ok?
Of course!
Waaai! Lucky!!!
You don't have to bother. I'll go home with Takami.
Hmpf
eh
Isn't it all right?
I can give you a ride as well Akira.
Thanks
What do you mean by "thanks"? Agree-ment? Denial?
Ah! It's an agree-ment.
When did I agree?!
O...
Ol!
What?
What's wrong?
Chatter
Wai - I'm in trouble!

*Janken: Rock-Paper-Scissors
**Poi: Throwing or tossing something

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Now that I think about it, recently drawing Akira has become easier.

drawing

Before, painting his blonde hair was difficult. But now, it's much easier. And then Takami has become harder to draw. What should I do with this? I want to study sketching for once and perspective. I have a lot of things that I want to do, but the current me with my time control ability it's absolutely impossible. First, from there. Right...

Say, Akira...
I did say I could give you a ride, but... in the front seat...
Why should Takami sit next to you?
Of course, because it's better to sit next to a girl.
Well...
It's fine since you're also a beauty.
ignore
Waah!
Your angry face is also cute!
Um... Please look to the front--
What is with these two..?
ignore
ignore
Geez!
Ignore
Look at me!
Voco
AOYAMA Piano School
FOLLOWING WEEK
Eh, Akira-kun!
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Are you waiting for Takami-chan again today?
Yes.
HIGH-SCHOOL GIRLS
Takami-chan is later than usual...
To finish
Has had a habit of talking with the teacher after she finishes her lesson.
Since a long time ago
Takami...
Yes.
Both of you always finish at 5pm, right?
Heeh.
Is that so?
Well then. See you, Akira-kun.
Yes.
Smile
Goodbye.
Well
If you find the score, why don't you try playing it a little?
Eh, no!!
I can't play on sight...
If I find it, I'll buy it and then go home!
KYUUN
Yes!
Takami-chan is so lucky!

Taka...
Akira!
Aah, I don't mind.
Shinobu-san! Won't you play an example for me?!
Ah!
If we find it!
Yay!!!
Sorry for making you wait!
Heeey!
It's ok.
Eh?
Cold wind
It's because of Takami-chan's wish.♡
I wasn't waiting for the person behind you, though...
I might be able to find it here! Here!
The manager likes to collect western styled music scores.
I was talking about it with Shinobu-san.
Right! Right, Akira! Do you remember Watermark?
Ri...
Aah, yeah.
The tune that you told me about that time —
Yeah! That's right!

Shinobu-san said that he'll play it if we find the score.
Akira, do you want to listen to it together?
Eh?!
I don't want to listen to it, so I'll go home first.
.....
Isn't it all right Come and listen.
THESE TWO REALLY DON'T GET ALONG WELL AT ALL...
I...
I...
I...
HERE
I found it...!!
Great!!
Gre--
It's a miracle...
Guh!
Just..
A little.
Takami, wait!
Because it's dangerous...

SMOOTH MOVE
This?
It's inside this?
Ah... Right
Ah, princess
I mean, prince.
Did I do something uncalled for?

Hm?
What?
Not really!
.....
Ow!
Pointing
What?!
Ok!
As you please.
What will you play today?
I'll borrow the piano, Nakayama-san.
TAP
Ku
Ku
Ku
TAP
Huh?
What is it? Geez!
TAP
Nothing.
Now...
Hmm
Takami-chan's request.

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I hope
The image isn't too different...
Wonderful tune!
Wah!

Why
.....
How was it?
It's.
It's ama..
..zing!
play a gentle,
yet painful tune...
on sight.
Why
can he
and nice tune...
It's as if...
It's a gentle,

I'm inside
a real sea!
Ah!
Thank you so much!
Stunned
Bravo!
CLAP
Do you want to play it too?
CLAP
CLAP
Aah.
TAP
So you won't play,
after me.

TAP
Aah, Shinobu-san was amazing!
Whoosh
As I thought! He's so good...
Say, Takami..
Ouh!
What...?
Finally speaking
GRAB
A. Akira?
....O... Oooo!...
I said
Akira?

Eh?
Wh...
Oi
Eh?
Pull
Why?
A
Pull
Pull
Pull
Akiraaa
Come to my house.
Open
SASAKI
Oi
Running
Oi, Akira...
SLAM

Listen
.....
Hash
Hash
Eh?
.....
Hash
Hash
Akira
What's wrong?
Takami
TMPON!

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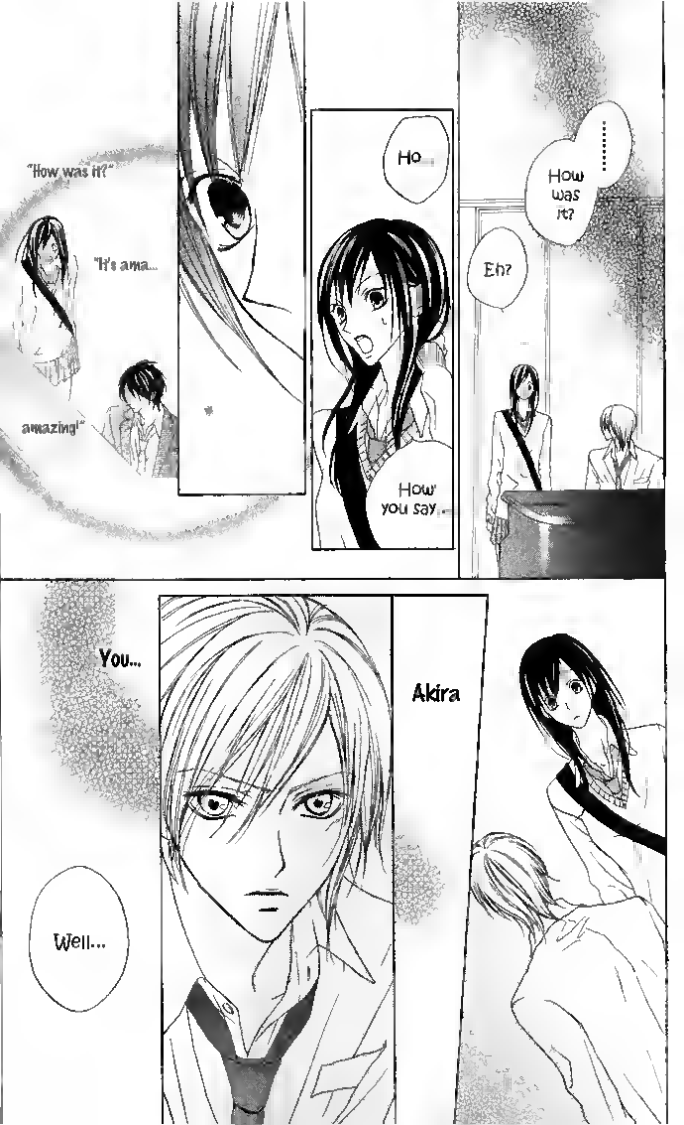
...Ah!
This is...
"Watermark"
It's different
from Akira's usual tone...
But, somehow...
Why suddenly...
.....


"How was it?"
"It's ama...
amazing!"
Ho...
How you say...
How was it?
Eh?
You...
Akira
Well...

Are you...
if you play such a nice and gentle tune while feeling angry...
It won't be good at all.
Competing with Shinobu-san?
IT WAS HORRIBLE!
You...
Horrible?
Even if you don't want to lose to Shinobu-san,

Akira,
From now on, you're going to get taller, right?
Pats
And you'll be taller after ten years pass.
And I feel that you'll be much more amazing in piano.
you will...
definitely become a finer man than you are now!!!

touch
That's why..
Don't be impatient.
Sorry.
Takami,
.....
I let you hear
my worst performance

I feel uneasy.
It was vexing. That guy is cooler, and he's more grown-up than me.
I thought that...
you might fall in love with him...
Huh?
And much better in piano.
Because all your boyfriends, they all give the same impression.
I...
3
2
1
Good-looking playboys?
Hahaha
I won't fall for guys so easily!!
Sorry, Takami
Ah?

Will you...
listen again?
It can't be helped.

FOLLOWING WEEK
Say, Akira.
AOYAMA Piano School
Uh-oh!
SLIP
Your step.
Ahh
Takami...
Cake and cola!
Let's see...
All right!
TAP
How about we go out and eat after this?
TAP
TAP
Yes, where should we go?

Wah!
Again?!
But...! It might be fine!
GRAB
!
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Takami

That's good.
You're not hurt.
Aki...
Sorry!
Ah!
Watch your step.
After ten years pass...
Heh.
Prin-cess
I did say that.
You do have some strength
Ooh!
Aah! Sorry, prince?
Call me as you please
Eh! Is it okay?
TAP
TAP

To be continued

Venus CAPRICCIO

Phrase.9

.....
PON
PON
PON
PON
PON
AOYAMA
PIANO SCHOOL
Lesson Room 2

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Do-ne!
A~h, that was so difficult.
How was it, Shinobu-san?!
In this tune,
the last part is more of an 'elegiaco sound, so it should sound more sorrowful
So why are you playing it so cheerfully?
....I'm sorry.

Was
Was I playing it... that cheerfully...?
It was soooo cheerful
Ok pay attention to this part If you play it right this time,
I'll give you a kiss as a gift
I don't want it!!
Ok
Sor rowful
Sor rowful
Even though I'll do it for you
DON
DON
DON
DON

Takami chan
Yes?
Do you want to try participating in this?
rustle
Aoba Piano concourus
13TH PIANO CONTEST
Eh?
A contest?
No thanks! I get nervous in front of an audience
It's fine since the contest isn't going to be that big
Try it to see how skilled you are.
Uuuh
No thanks.
tap
I heard from the manager
that you haven't participated in a contest for several years now.
Akira too
Manager
Ah!
That's right!
If Akira doesn't participate, then I also won't participate.
It's not like that.
I think Takami-chan is pretty much on the right track.
Eh?

...there isn't anyone who can make a sad tune sound happy...
...Or play the piano..
Even though there are many other kids that are better than you.
If you concentrate on your lessons
...as cheerfully as you do.
OW!
That hurt!
bite
I'm not joking.
Please don't joke around by saying that I'm on the right track.
It's your fault for being really harassing me!

Um, I—
Yeah what do you think?
What do you think? What do you think?!
UKI UKI UKI
I won't participate.
esson Room 1
What do you think Akira-kun?
Ah, no, I
You have a nice talent, Takami-chan
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OPEN
Akira, you participate too!!
Listen! I'm... I'm going to participate in this contest!!
Taka
Akira!! This!!
Is that so?
Well Shinobu san said,
"Takami-chan, you will be able to win."
He didn't say that.
Eh?

4

I've been very happy lately! I really like the singer-songwriter JYONGRI, and I'm listening to her album now

I've also won a live concert ticket! I'll dance wildly

Even though it's her first live show, I really looked forward to it.

It was VERY good

A capella fascinated me from the beginning till the end

Her voice sounded exactly the same as it did on the CD. I was so touched

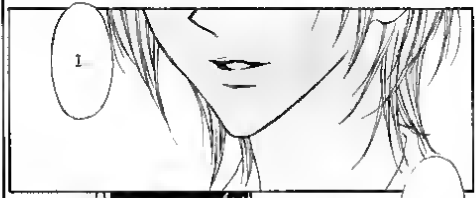
I really liked the sound of her voice. The way she played the piano was also nice

I went to the live show with my little sister.

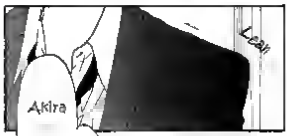
There were about 100 people there, and because we went early, we were able to sit in the 2nd row and see her up close!

I'm looking forward to her next performance

I drew her.

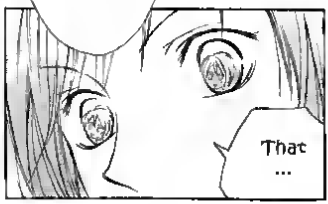


CUTE
That's what he said, manager !!!
Uh
Uh
DEFEATED
HUG
If he panics I'm sure I'm sure


Leah
Akira

Are you sure you won't panic?

If only Takami listens to me,
...that would be enough for me.


That ...

I won't pardicpate
Takami
Yeah?
I have something to do so you go home first.
Ok.
Tap
Tap
Tap
STEPS ON
Hmm ..
301
HABARA
REPLAY
STEPS ON
Tap
Tap
Tap
Um are you OK?
.....

I won der why Akira won't partici pate
If Akira participates, I'm sure he's going to be ama zing
Hmm
TWIRL
AH!
HUG
That's what he said, mana ger!!
Hmm
I did say that
The first time I partici pated in a con test
Now that I think about it
.....
5 years ago
CONTEST
Re..
Really?
You were able to play
You were so cool Ta kami!
Chatter
But you couldn't win though
Aah?
Chatter
EST
was almost always ranked high among the contest win ners
Akira at that time.

DASH
I'll go ask Akira!
Good job!
Geh
You are so annoying Ken
Sisters over 16 should be single
4th son
3rd son
Yeah!
2nd son
1st son
You don't have to win
Grab
You did very well to play until the end in front of so many people
Is that so?
Really?
Ah! Cake? Can Akira come eat with us too?
Yeah, do you want to eat cake?
Yes.
We can?
Let's go eat something and then go home
Hey! Hey!
Oh~
Ok
I'm tired
BLUSH
BLUSH
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Akira!
Ah!
Ah!
TURN
TURN
Say, about that dress ~
If Akira wears it, wouldn't it look better on him?
I also thought that the whole day...
It was frustrating, so I wasn't going to say it, but you
AKIRAAAA!

If you are not in first place,
If you don't win,
...then it's all meaning less
Then ..
...you won't be able to pass 'that person'
Listen well
AWARD
Second Place
3rd & 4th Grade Section
Mr. Sasaki Akira
I've told you this many times

Got it?
Yes.
That's right
Dinner is ready!
Hm
OK.

...good memories about contests
Whoa... ...is this?
Hmm, Chair
Are you participating Takami?
RUSTLE
DAZED
might not have
Akira
Let's eat!
SIGH
RATTLE
You know she will be troubled if she sees it! Who do you think will pay the participant's fees? And it's ¥13,000!
Aah?
4th son (3rd year high school)
RUSTLE
I wanted mom to see it first.
Don't touch it, Daiki!
RATTLE
WRESTLE
Jaaaaaah!
Yeah I want to participate!
Hmm. are you going to participate in the contest, Takami?
HALE!! AAAHH, HALE! BUT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO REDUCE MY ALLOWANCE!
Go and find a part-time job!
Argue
I'M GOING TO PAY WITH THE MONEY I SAVED FROM MY PART TIME JOB!
Hair

I'll go and see
I want to see how Takami plays now.
For real Shin nuchan!?
Though, I'll only come to the selection
O. Okay!
WHAT?!
OK. I'll pay the participant's fee
Really?
Mom will choose a perfect dress for you to wear no matter the cost!
No... a- a normal one is fine
Me too
Even though I really wanted to participate in the contest with Akira
Yeah.
But since it's a contest, we should all go together
I don't know if Shuu and Riku will be able to come because they are busy
Pat
I'll choose a great dress for you
Shuu & Rikuto 1st son & 2nd son live separately
Why not call Shuu and Riku-to?
Since we're all going.
Right. I should call them
Really?
Tsk
Even you don't buy things for me this fast

Now, I'll...
I'll do my best in the contest!
Okay! I'll do it!!!
SHUT UP!
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Wah!
Wha
Bill board
Sorry
I'll be
Ah!
Um. Nice meaty shoulder! You lost some muscle first?
What are you ?!
CONCENTRATING
I have to do this girl here.
Talk about here
Taka mi
CONCENTRATING

Now, I'll...
I'll do my best in the contest!
Okay! I'll do it!!!
SHUT UP!
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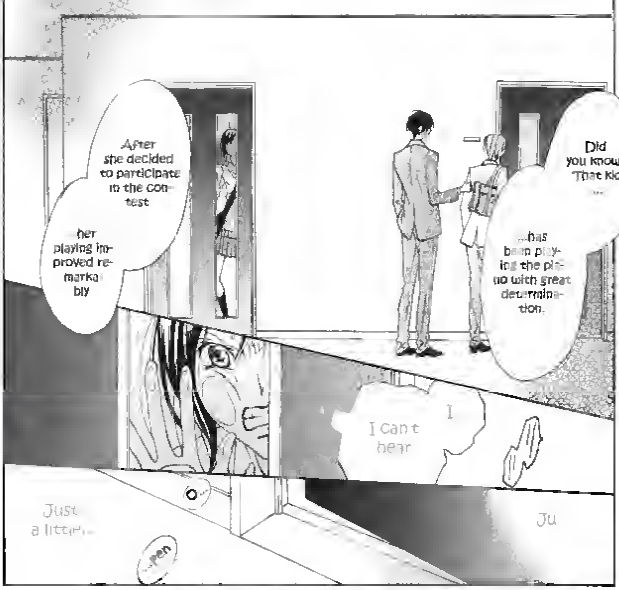
Wah!
Wha
Bill board
Sorry
I'll be
Ahh!
Um. Nice meaty. Shouldn't you test some one first?
What are you ?!
CONCENTRATING
I have to do this girl here.
Takami
CONCENTRATING

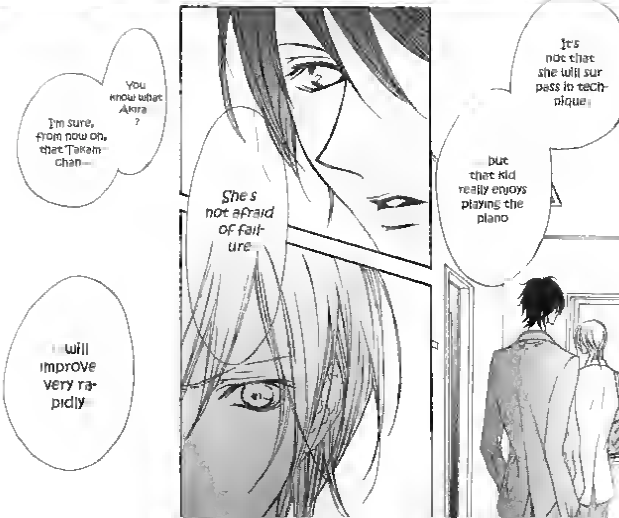
But I want to do my best...
...and see how far I can go!
Takami, is that...
for the preliminary contest?
Yeah! That's right. This is the preliminary contest's assigned tune
Bach and Clementi.
You're really working hard.
Well, yeah.
Because it has been a long time since I last participated in a contest.
After I decided to participate I somehow felt like I wanted to play it as soon as possible
Well, it might be pointless.

OPEN
Hey both of you
Ah!
Ok, I'll see you after my lesson is over.
Ok.
AOYAMA PIANO SCHOOL

Didn't I say I'm not participating?
Hello, Shinobu-san
Hello, Takami-chan
Akira's the composer's application deadline ...
Is the day after tomorrow. What will you do?
I see

to discuss with Akira ?
What?!
That kid ...
PULL
Takami chan ...
Ok.
I have something to discuss with Akira ...so you go ahead to the lesson room...
An ...
What?
TAP
TAP
Ok.
...?
Mr. Inobu san
I will do what he wants
Open
?
?
SLAM
I don't have anything to discuss with you
Turn
...has been improving very rapidly.


After she decided to participate in the contest
her playing improved remarkably
Did you know? That kid ...
...has been playing the piano with great determination.
I can't hear
I
Just a little...
Ju
...pen


You know what Akira?
I'm sure, from now on, that Takam-chan...
She's not afraid of failure
It's not that she will surpass in technique
...but that kid really enjoys playing the piano
...will improve very rapidly

She might even be able to ..
go to a place where
By saying that,
—you just want me to pretend in the contest
As a girl,
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She's
—becoming more accepting,
—and you won't be able to move from your current place
.. you won't be able to reach her

TAP
Akira-kun?
Well
...then,
pat
TAP
...It's OK for me to have her, right...
TAP
TAP

*Iyan = no like girls
*Ecchi = pervert
SLAM
Iyan!
Eaves-dropping?
Ecchi!
Shinobu san.
Akira... didn't he say he didn't want to partici pate...?
Cl- ging him like that
...
Why are you forcing Akira to participate in the contest?!
Do you want me...
...to let you near something good?
Huh?
Where?
Rattle
Found it.
Tic
CD

Rachma
nin-OFF's
Momens
Musicaux
Op. 16-4
What is this
BA-DUMP
It sounds
surprise
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
I
like
this
only this also
scary,
...warm.
bright
BA-DUMP

Franz Kraus
Franz Kraus
Ah!
This person
Do you know him?
Ye...s
He's... a really famous pianist... right?
What's wrong with that...?
This song is so... po- werful
STOP
STOP
Wha
What's that song called?!
Not... not really! It's not mal!!
Wasn't it amazing!?
As I thought, he didn't tell you anything
Well, it's about him, so I thought that it will be like that.
I don't think that there is a pianist in the whole world who can surpass him
Huh?
So, what's wrong with that? I don't get it.
That guy's gene still continues

He's Akira's father.
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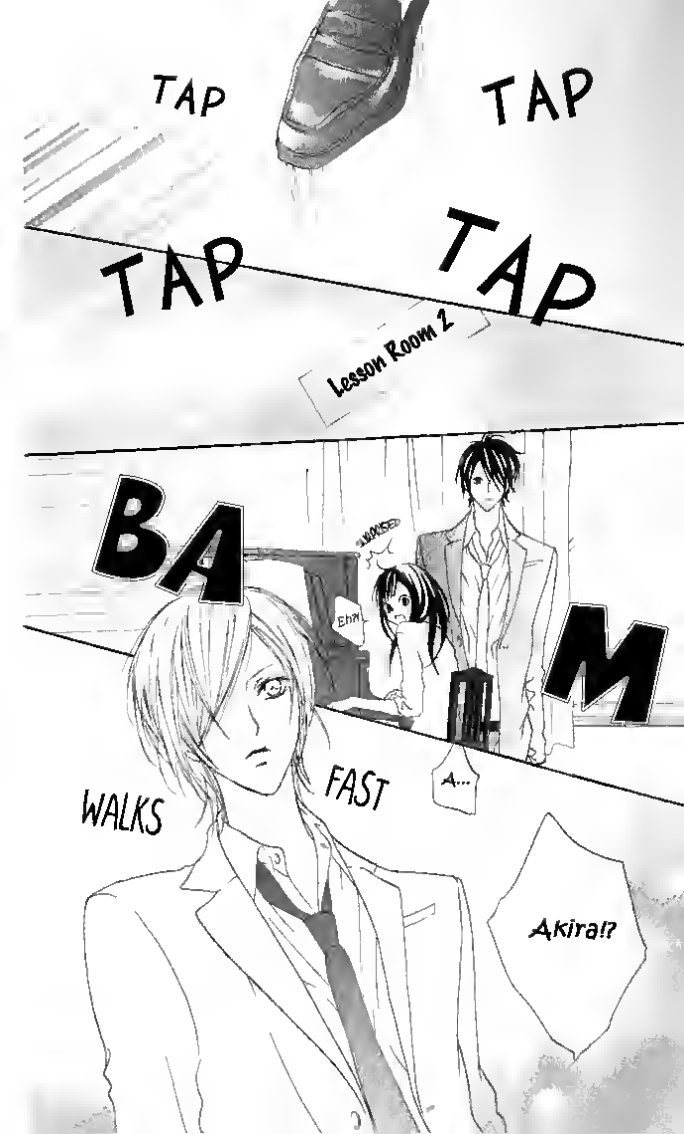
Akira's I knew that Akira's father was a pianist
but I never was told his name
Akira hardly ever talked about his father
Is it really possible ?
Is it really possible that ?
Even though he's my selfishness,
RACHMANINOV MOMENTS MUSICAUX Op. 16 I Presto Agitato
Eh?

Lesson Room 1
Akira has gone
I want to see
how far
Ok then Akira-kun.
please start from the beginning again
How far can I reach ?
She might even be able to go...
I want to do my best!
Manager
To a place where you won't be able to reach her
Akira-kun?


TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
Lesson Room 2
BA
M
Ehh!
SHOCKED
A...
WALKS
FAST
Akira!?

RUSTLE
I will
13th
Number
Name
Institute
School
—so along with your provocation
I'll participate!
Eh...?
Why!?
Even though you said that you didn't really want to participate
Because this person is so annoying!
so I thought that I'd participate
Wh—
Well
...since I'm participating
moves slowly

I'll definitely win.
Look forward to it, Takami!
I'll look forward to it
What kind of performance will you let us hear?
Well, that's good
Ok!
Ah
Right!!
Is that so...?!
I'll do my best too!!
AKA-HA HA!
Piano Contest Application

Venus Capriccio

Phrase.10

squeak
Oh
they came
AOYAMA
PIANO SCHOOL
thanks
congratulations to both of you
he he
An
right, this...
GREEN LEAVES
AH!
THE OTHER DAY
THE GREEN LEAVES NEWSPAPER PROMOTED THE PIANO PRELIMINARY CONTEST
AND OF COURSE AKIRA AND I BOTH PASSED THE PRELIMINARY CONTEST SAFELY
ALSO
EVERYONE WHO PASSED HAD THEIR PICTURES APPEAR IN THE NEWSPAPER, BUT—

That's right, it is cute!
But Akira is soo cute I think I'll keep it.
Please don't.
Your pictures came out well.
When we finally appear in the newspaper,
HOW?!
My picture comes out like this!!
I like this picture.
Well thanks
Nervous
pat
SORRY
Well, more importantly, Akira-kun ...
I said that I'm in charge of Takami chan
Um are you ok...?
Well, Akira-kun ...
If it's you, I'm sure you'll do great if you play as you usually do.
NOW
Let's go to the lesson, Takami.
PUSH
I have high expectations for you. If it's you, I'm sure you'll be able to get first place.

Aim for first place!! I have high expectations for you!
Okay, Akira, aim to be the winner!!
And Takami?
I'll—
I'll aim to be the prize winner!!
Bam
hu hu
don't laugh
Yes
Say, Akira, how is the selection's assigned tune going?
Isn't it hard playing something like "Fly High?"
I got Mozart's Sonata!
I'll do my best!

...
EH?
Ah...
Sorry, what?
ah...
Ah...
hah
A...
Akira ?
W... Well,
I was asking how the selection's assigned tune is going...
and the FV Hall
Ah, yeah
It's a tune I already know, so it isn't that hard.
Takami ...
Akira?

Hold
Hm..?
Ye
...
I
will...
Definitely
win.

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This is something that really doesn't matter but when my little sister who is currently in her 1st year of high school is around I suddenly feel like sketching

watching TV

X The chowa is a long pivot

(Also, the model for this sketch was actually a guy.)

Yeah I—

?

If ...

Aha ha ha?

If it's Akira, then you'll definitely win!! Isn't that

Yea

Um ... isn't it about time to see my ...

Um...

Hmm?

Ding Dong

Akira ...
Somehow, he seemed absent-minded.
chatter
chatter
But he was grasping my hand like that
Grasping
chu
In the end he kept holding my hand all the way!
blush
!!
.....
I WILL DEFINITELY WIN
Is he tired from practicing for the contest?
Wh-What?!
Where did you come from?
Ah, is that so? Sorry
Besides that, what were you thinking about?
Huh?
You're the one who walked to us
PAH
Take your lunch
Hey Hey!

The prince is acting weird?
Huh?
N-No, nothing.
What were you thinking about?
It's rare for you to be dazing off.
Eeeh, a secret?
Well, it's fine.
We're only your best friends.
Hmm... It's not like that... He's...
Eh, which one is it?
Wierd
I think ...
give me one of those
Explain more clearly
If something sad happened, then you should tell us about it.
No
An
Is it something that you can't even tell to your best friend?!
Hurry let's go and eat lunch
Huh?
H-Hey! Is the prince scared of anything?
The concerned prince seems beautiful
He's probably tired from practicing for the contest.
Well I thought that...
Are you an idiot?
Ba-Dum... Ba-Dum...
Is he wierd?
This tastes good. Did you make it?
Yes

* BENTOU- LUNCH BOX

Aha ha
Aha ha
Does this seem too unnatural?
I made a bentou!!
Let's eat it together!!
If you haven't eaten dinner yet
Let's
O-pen
SURPRISE
Ah, Takami?
What's wrong?
Ah,
Yeah
WAIT A SECOND..
WILL HE EAT THE BENTOU?
Hmm ..
Why?
Just felt like it!!
Ju-
Chuckle
Thanks
I'll eat it.
He
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he smiled!
Come in.
O...
Ok.

Let's eat.
munch munch
munch
You don't think it's unbalanced, do you?
No.
Why is the fried rice...
OK. I'll eat.
BA
grilled ginger
pickled garlic
liver
fried rice
Come on, eat!
eat
M
Ah
It's delicious.
Does he feel better?
OK.
Eat it all.
▲ACTUALLY, HE ALREADY ATE DINNER.

Yeah. Since I was a child, my mother was...
Heh.
That's amazing, Akira. You will definitely win the contest!
I've always thought that it's amazing!
That's right, this!
You even put the trophies in a case... There are also a lot of certificates!
Ah!
Ah, and they're all first place!
Yeah, do you want to hear it?
Eh? already?
Ah, listen. I'm almost done with the assigned tune.
Ah, uh, I really want to hear it, but...
I still haven't finish mine, so I'll do my best when I return home!
See you.
rattle
slam
Yeah.

PULL
!?

Wait.
Akira ?
A...
huh ?
Nothing
It's...
Sorry.
Ah, so...

Say it.
My imagination
It wasn't...
As I thought, he's acting weird
Sorry.
Eh?
You're acting strange, as I thought
Did something happen?
Nothing happened
Hey, if you won't tell me, I won't talk to you again.
Pinch
Ow
Ow...
I'll talk.
I'll
hm

Diss-
apoin-
ted,
right?
You
will
be
If I
...
Ta
Takami
...
Can't
Win...
Eh?
push
What
?
jump up down
I...
like
Akira's
piano!
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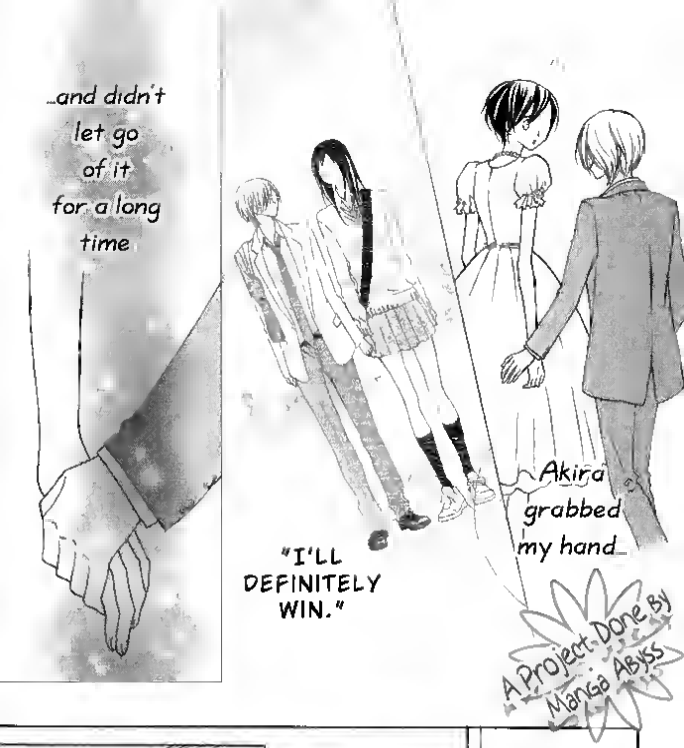
Manga Abyss

Of course I'll be disappointed!
Stupid!
Rather ...
Why do you even think like that?
If it's you ...
You were talking about the trophies
Before
If you play like usual, it'll go well.
Ah?
Yeah .. I did
You see only the first place ones, but...
Huh?

But only 1st place trophies are placed there.
national ju
piano contest
1st place
winner
In reality, there were times,
When I got 2nd place and other placements
But there...
If it wasn't 1st place ...
It wasn't recognized.
If ...
If I couldn't win...
Will Takami also
Hate me?
I thought.
that
Takami
...will not stay beside me.

That time
...
chatter
That's right...
Ah
I was scared.
At that time as well...
chatter
If you don't win then it's meaningless.
no contest
tap
tap
Yes.
Got it?
Be able to surpass "that person".
Then you won't
If it's not the 1'st place,

tap
tap
tap
H..
I'm going to eat cake with my brothers.
Do you want to come with us?
Takami
Hey, Akira!
good work.
run
OK
That's right, at that time..
Ah..
Ok?


...and didn't let go of it for a long time
"I'LL DEFINITELY WIN."
Akira grabbed my hand...
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Akira...
...was...
We kept on telling him to win,
...and that everyone
...were having high expectations for him.
Ah...
Why didn't I notice...?

..He was suffering so much..
Sorry.
Eh?
About winning.
I've been saying it a lot.
That's...
...OK.
I'm sorry, too. There is something wrong with me.
Saying such childish things.
I'm sorry for stoping you.
It's ok... I'm fine now.
You were the one who told me not to go.
Flush
It's not that Akira didn't...
Is that so?
Forget it.
No.
It was a misunderstanding!
If he can't...
But, it's still fine.
...Win.
want to win

He thinks that he'll left alone...
Because
hold
I'm right here.
He's scared.

Let me hear...
...You play.
You don't have ...
...to win.
I'm sure...
Like that time...
So
For now,

Wh-
What's with that expression?
I want to hear it, isn't that fine?
Hear?
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...
I want to hear ...
Akira's piano.

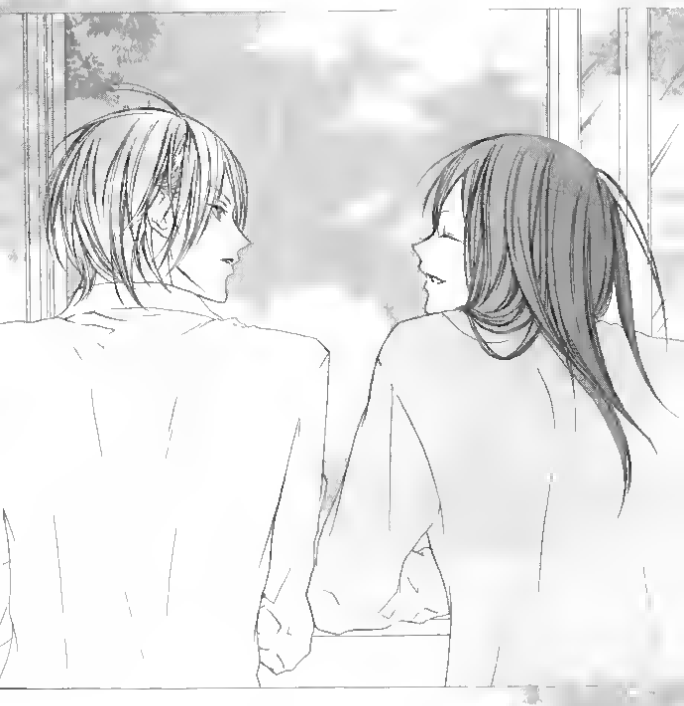
Takami
You won't be
Able to surpass "that person"
Takami
Ah?
Takami
I will
Hmm —?
!
Sit down
What?
Hurry —
...and say it!
Come on! Say it!
I'll...

I'll play for Takami's sake.
Wha?
Didn't I tell you to play?
blush
...?
?
Ok
I'll play.
Yeah ...?
blush

the results may be
it will be fine
I'll be
Whatever...

The 1st one beside you

To hear you.



Venus Capriccio
Phrase.11

Afternoon—
Middle
School
Section
The Day of
the Contest
flutter
flutter
EVEN THOUGH EVEN
THERE ARE
STILL TWO
HOURS LEFT
UNTIL
PLAY
I'M SO
NERVOUS
I FEEL
SICK
You're
right
This
year's mid-
dle school
students
are all
skilled!

Mother.
Yeah.
Ah.
Isn't Akira-kun going to play soon?
What are you doing, Takami?
Let's go. Come on!
3rd San
Habara Shin
University
Student (19)
Shin, also. Let's go, Shin!
Not interested
Hey hey
Let's go and see "Akira"!
2nd San
Habara Rikuta
Sports instructor (22)
Shut up! Let me go!
4th San
Habara Daiki
3rd Year High
School Student (17)
Sorry for being late
You guys came!
1st San
Habara Shuu
High School
Math Teacher (24)
Why is he making a fuss before the performance when everyone's so nervous?
The Participants' Waiting Room
Okay, guide us, Taka!
As if I'll let you go!

Nothing
What's wrong?
Hi
His chest is
Ah
Uwah...
So good...
Akira
...to make Akira relax...
Ah
At least I'll try...
Takami
Ah
Takami, do you want to drink something? I'll treat you
Um... Drink
Eh?
TH...
THE SELECTION'S ASSIGNED TUNE FOR THE MIDDLE SCHOOL SECTION IS...
"FLY HIGH"

Wh-
Why now?
Before the performance
smile
Drink something
to make yourself relax
Ah,
Aki—
Why am I the one being cheered up?
Okay
Is Shinobu-san okay?
HEY!
Knock
BAM
Eh?
Ah— Yeah
Takami, is it okay to get you the drink later?
It's amazing that he can be so relaxed like that
Open
But Akira...

You said, "I'll participate."
SLAM
Can you win?
Did you come for me, Oda-sensei?
Well, this year there are a lot of skilled middle school students
HEY! Both of you!
Kimiten
.....
Wait, Shinobu-san!
What are you saying before the performa
I'm...
...not going to play the piano for the sake of winning
Wai—

But still...
I won't lose

Aki...
Is that so...?
ba-thump
Eh?
smile
Akira-kun, you're next.
Ok
Aki
.....
Akira...?
Clap
Clap
Clap
Clap
Clap

6
The last column
is left over
Thank you for reading up till now! I've drawn an onake like I did in the first volume. Please read it. Well, bye for now!
Nishikata
Fu
Wh-
Why are you laughing?
Will
Will Akira be fine?
Clap
Clap
Just now, that kid was great
Will he be the winner?
As if
that guy would lose in a place like this
d

Weren't you...
Number 27
Sasaki Akira-san
...the one...
Eh?
tap
...who was picking holes in Akira's piano the most?
"Fly High"
Ah
tap
Ah!
Was he always like that...?
"Akira"
Oh...
tap

Did he look at me...?
Just now...
Takami-chan, also...
You have to set your feelings...
before the per-formance, right?
Ah!
Yes
Some-times.
Right now, that guy...

do
do
is
also like
Takami-chan
don

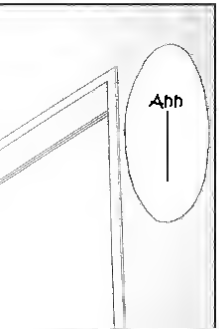
ba-thump
ba-thump
He's like Takeuchi-chan
This per-formance is...
I'll play for Takeuchi's sake
It's as if...
This...
That's...
That's not possible, but...

What's wrong?
ba-dump
ba-dump
N-NO !!
NO TH...
NO THING...!

It's as if...
IT'S NOTHING!!
clap
clap
clap
Always only playing for my sake
At least that's how I feel about it
clap
clap
clap
clap
!!!

Hmph!
Akira
Ku ku ku!
Even though...
...they always fight...
In the depth
of their minds...
In reality
Ahh...
...recognize your skills
Is it possible that those two...

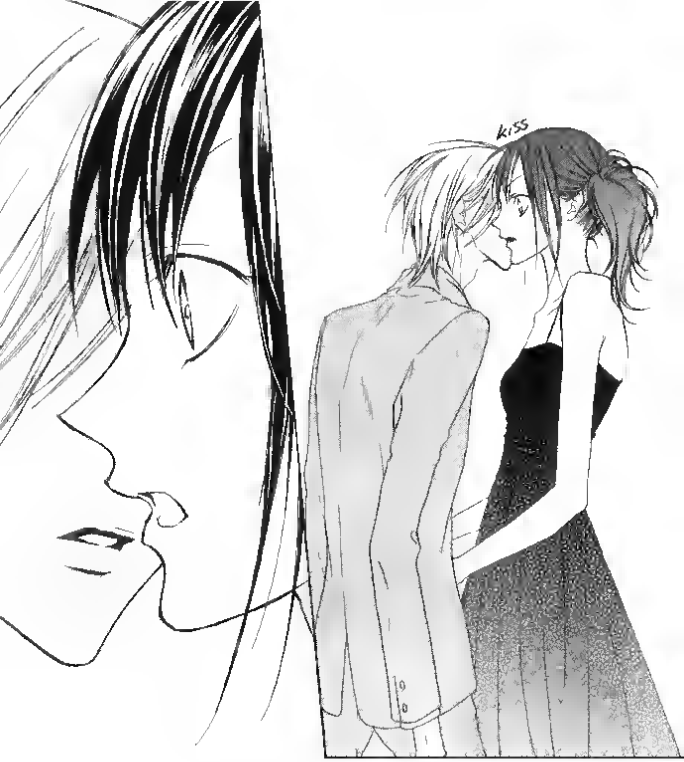
They just want...
...to be recognized...

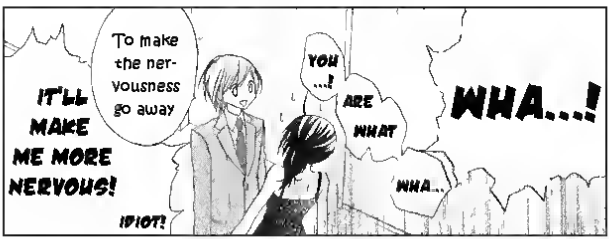

Ahh

YE...
YEAAAAH!!
Why are you nervous?
Takami is after the next one
Ah
30
31
32
33 Habara Takami
34

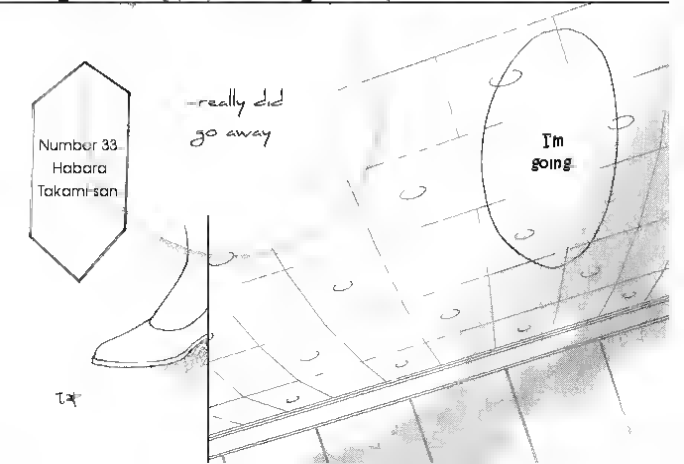
Uwah
I feel sick again...
Takami, water
.....
Sorry
I'm always troubling you
No
gulp gulp
Takami
Taka-mi, you see...
I've never thought that play-ing the piano...
...was fun...
...until I met you

It was the first time
that I felt that playing the piano was fun
and then smiled
who listened to my piano
But,
meeting Takami
That's why, Takami,
I'll be the closest one listening to you.
I was able to make the performance turn out well
Because Takami was listening
Today, also

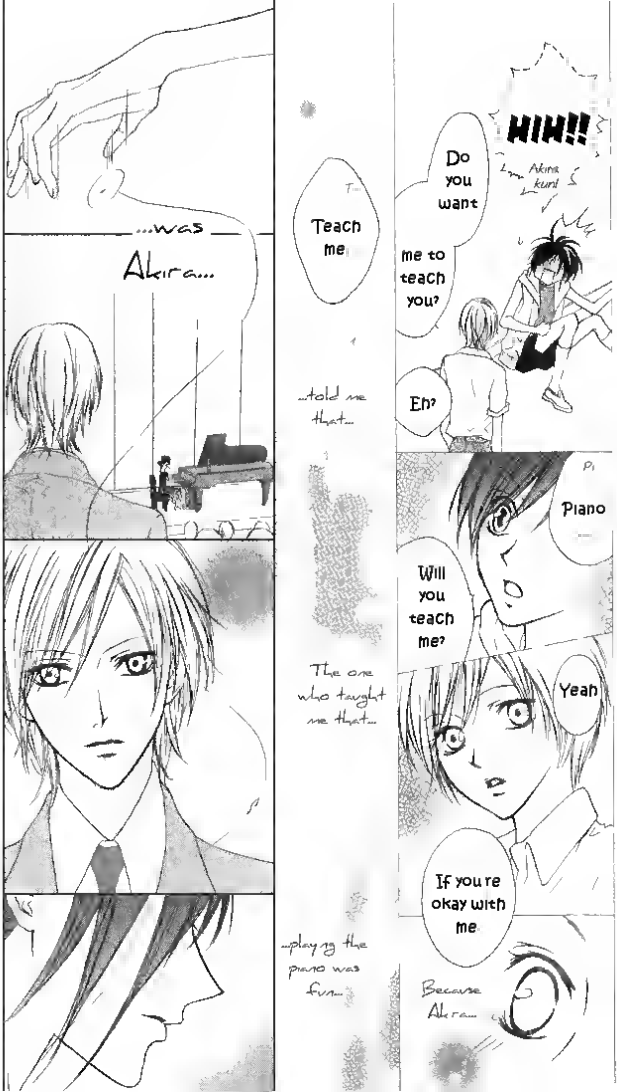

kiss


To make the nervousness go away
IT'LL MAKE ME MORE NERVOUS!
IDIOT!
YOU...!
ARE WHAT
WHA...
WHA...!

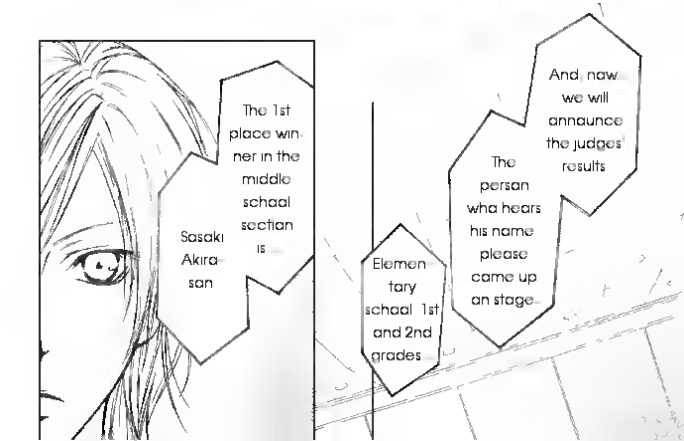
Have fun
Well,
the sister
Okay


Number 33
Habara Takami-san
-really did go away
I'm going

Because Takao was listening to me
I was the first time I felt that it was fun
...That's right
It's
I also...
...Hit...
...feel that the piano was fun...
Heh
Where is she hiding?
In this small building
Hmph
Ku, Ku, Ku
They won't find me if I stay here
Takami-chan
Hey!
Takami-chan~
Takami-chan~
Hey!
Takami-chan~
This is the 4th time she's run away from a lesson
Hm
AOYAMA Piano School

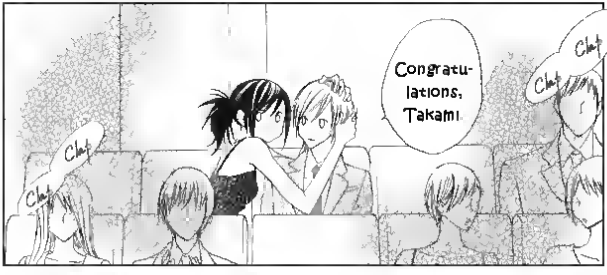

HIH!!
Akira kun!
Do you want me to teach you?
Eh?
Piano
Will you teach me?
Yeah
If you're okay with me
Because Akira...
Teach me
...told me that...
The one who taught me that...
...playing the piano was fun...
...was
Akira...

It was Akira.


And, now we will annaunce the judges' results
The persan who hears his name please came up an stage
Elemen tary schaal 1st and 2nd grades
The 1st place win ner in the middle schaal sectian is
Sasaki Akira san

Next is the high school section s...
Encour ogement Prize
clap
clap
clap
clap
Amazing! Akira is amazing as I thought! You did it!!
Yeah
Ohhh!
Whew
clap
ba-dump
ba-dump
Kita-zawa Kun-san.
Uwaah!
ba-dump
ba-dump
Please wait a little...
ba-dump
ba-dump
ba-dump
ba-dump
ba-dump
ba-dump
It hurts

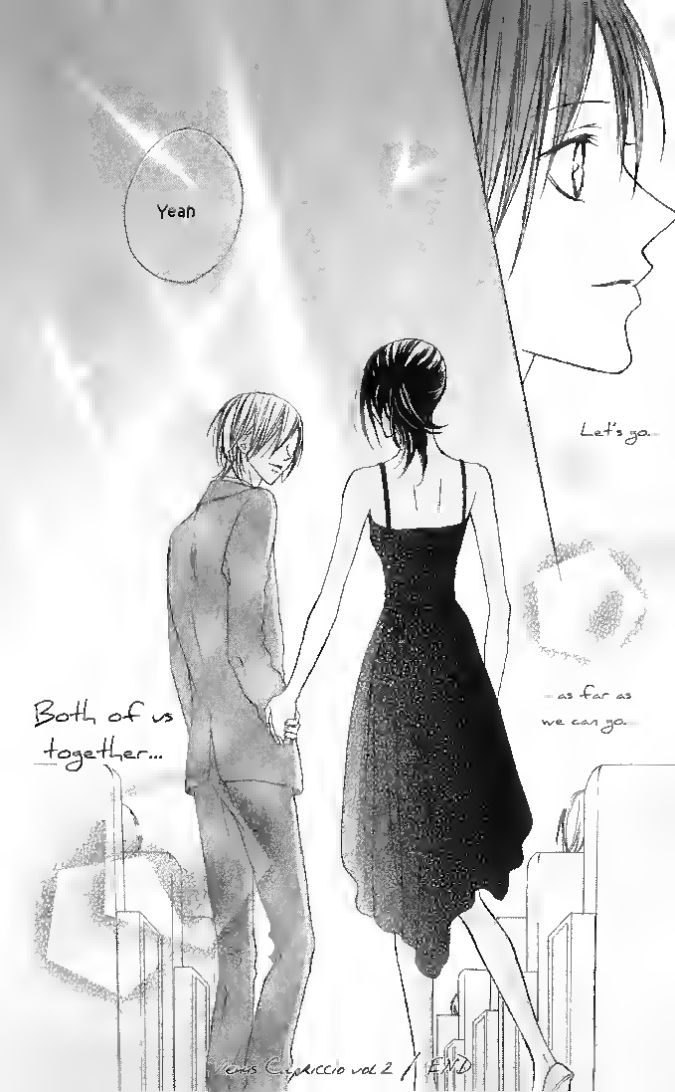
Habara
Takami-
san...


Congratu-
lations,
Takami
Clap
Clap
Clap
Clap

Clap
Clap
...
Ye—

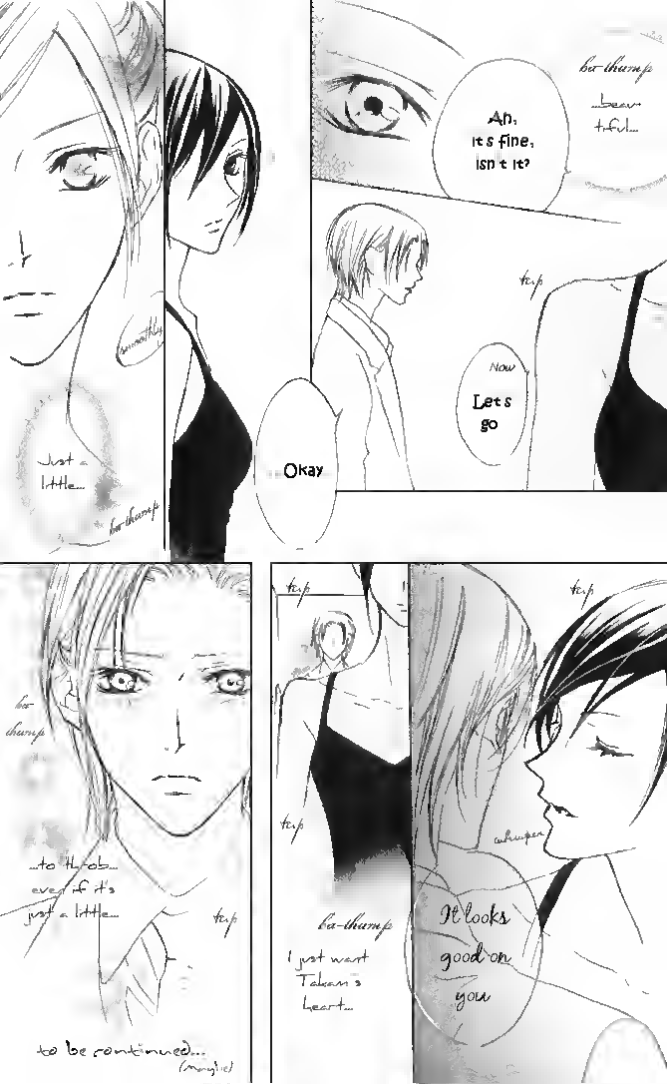
Clap
Isn't
that
good?

pu
Now
Yeah
go!
sh
YES...!!
HAH!
cry
weep
weep
Let's
go
smoothly


Yeah
Let's go...
...as far as we can go...
Both of us together...

Omake Page

OMaKe Manga
REPLACE
If Takami and Akira's personalities were switched—
PART 2
The Participant's Waiting Room
Ah
Takami!
Look, look! Does my hair style look cool?!
I just did it!
ba-thump
Taka-mi...
Wah...
Ah
She looks so...
Akira


ba-thump
...beau-
-ti-ful...
Ah,
it's fine,
isn't it?
trip
Now
Let's
go
Okay
Just a
little...
ba-thump
...to throb...
even if it's
just a little...
trip
ba-
thump
to be continued...
(maybe)
trip
trip
ba-thump
I just want
Takuma's
heart...
trip
whisper
It looks
good on
you

Oda Shinobu

height 185 cm

He hasn't been seen in casual clothes in the story. It's quite rough. That's what I thought, anyways. His hair style is easy to draw and his grinning face is also easy to draw.